Tahmoor Colliery Community Consultative Committee
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Thursday 5 March 2026

Name	Role
Attendees	
Michael Muston (MM)	Independent Chairperson
Nicole Pearce (NP)	Community Representative
James Johnson (JJ)	Community Representative
Wayne Southwell (WS)	Community Representative
Col Mitchell (CM)	Community Representative
Paul Rogers (PR)	Wollondilly Shire Councillor
David Henry (DH)	Wollondilly Shire Council Representative
Amanda Bateman (AB)	Tahmoor Coal Representative (minute taker)
Natalie Brumby (NB)	Tahmoor Coal Representative
Kate Overall	Resources Regulator
Apologies	
Karen Moss (KM)	Community Representative
Bob Clayton (BC)	Community Representative
Greg Kininmonth (GK)	Resources Regulator
Robert Faddy-Vrouwe (RFV)	Resources Regulator
Peter Vale (PV)	Tahmoor Coal Representative
Tom O'Brien	Tahmoor Coal Representative

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1. Welcome and Introductions				
1.1.	Michael Muston is the Independent Chairperson. He acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we met and paid respects to their Elders, past and present.	NOTE		05/03/26
2. Apologies				
2.1.	As per list above.	NOTE		05/03/26
3. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting				
3.1.	Minutes from Q4 meeting on 4 December 2025 were accepted. Note: Q4 minutes added to the Tahmoor Colliery website.	NOTE		05/03/26
4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes				
4.1.	***Completed & closed*** *- MM to prepare the 2025 Annual Report for adoption at the March 2026 Q1 meeting – distributed with meeting agenda for committee review*	CLOSED		05/03/26
4.2.	***Completed & closed*** *- AB to arrange an underground tour & Reject Emplacement Area tour for committee members – conducted on 05/03/2026 – MM thanked Amanda Fitzgerald and the team for arranging the tours.*	CLOSED		
4.3.	***Completed & closed*** *- All members to complete the 2025 Committee Review survey for the Annual Report.*	CLOSED		
5. Correspondence - update as per the agenda				
5.1.	Consideration to amend Terms of Reference – Emailed AB 08/12/2025	NOTE		05/03/26
5.2.	Committee Annual Review feedback sent to Chair – Emailed AB 17/12/2025			
5.3.	Chair Q4 invoice submitted – Emailed MM 18/12/2025			
5.4.	Q4 meeting minutes distributed to committee – Emailed AB 22/12/2025			
5.5.	Scam email alert – Emailed MM 27/01/2026			
5.6.	CMAP Six-Monthly Progress Report – Emailed AB 29/01/2026			
5.7.	Tahmoor Coal operations update – Emailed AB 02/02/2026			
5.8.	Possible meeting day change – Emailed AB 04/02/2026			
5.9.	Advice from WSC day change is not suitable – Emailed WSC 04/02/2026			
5.10.	Confirmation meetings will remain on Thursdays – Emailed AB 04/02/2026			
5.11.	Draft Annual Report for review – Emailed MM 06/02/2026			
5.12.	Draft Annual Report reviewed with minor edits – Emailed AB 10/02/2026			
5.13.	Tahmoor Coal placed into Voluntary Administration – Emailed AB 11/02/2026			
5.14.	Letter issued from DPHI update on CCC – Emailed MM 23/02/2026			
5.15.	Q1 meeting invitation distributed – Emailed AB 24/02/2026			
5.16.	Tahmoor South Newsletter October 2025 – Emailed AB 28/10/2025			
5.17.	Underground tour & REA tour invitation sent to committee – Emailed AB 24/12/2026			
5.18.	Tahmoor Coal update court case adjourned to 5 March – Emailed AB 24/02/2026			
5.19.	BC declined tours and confirmed online meeting – Emailed BC 24/02/2026			
5.20.	NP confirmed tour attendance – Emailed NP 25/02/2026			
5.21.	Underground tour start time and schedule issued – Emailed AB 27/02/2026			
5.22.	Q1 agenda & supporting documents distributed to committee – Emailed AB 27/02/2026			
5.23.	Amendment to 2025 Annual Report – Emailed DH 02/03/2026			
5.24.	Q1 meeting apology – Emailed KM 05/03/2026			
6. Committee Members Reports				
6.1.	**James Johnson** – no updates. Will be an apology for the June and September meetings.	NOTE		05/03/26
6.2.	**Nicole Pearce** – no updates.	NOTE		05/03/26

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6.3.	**Col Mitchell** – No updates.	NOTE		05/03/26
6.4.	**Wayne Southwell** – Advised some employees mentioned they have not been receiving updates from the business. AB confirmed all employees have been sent regular SMS updates and have been invited to attend two workforce updates & BBQs in the past month.	NOTE		05/03/26
6.5.	**Paul Rogers** – Advised the B10 lock has been removed from the REA and Bargo RFS no longer has access. Can Tahmoor Coal install a new B10 lock? NB confirmed this will be actioned.	**NB**	**17/03/26**	05/03/26
6.6.	**David Henry** – Sought clarity if anyone from Tahmoor Coal is communicating with council senior management. AB advised Peter Vale has kept in contact with Mayor Gould and the local state and federal member. Email updates provided to the committee by Tahmoor Coal can be forwarded to any relevant council staff.	NOTE		05/03/26
7.	**Mining Operations Update** – Mine Update (presented by Amanda Bateman)			
	• The mine has been on reduced operations since early December 2024. • The workforce has been on reduce operations since February 2025. • Tahmoor Coal was placed into Voluntary Administration on 9 February 2026. • Wexted were appointed as Tahmoor administrators, with funding provided by GFG to support administration through to sale of Tahmoor Coal. • Wexted were appointed when it became apparent that Coal Mines Insurance (CMI) Winding Up court hearing was heading towards liquidation. • The CMI Winding Up application is still ongoing at the time of this meeting. The matter was adjourned until 5 March to determine who will run the sale process, as Administrators of Liberty Primary Metals Australia (LPMA) had already commenced a sale process for Tahmoor Coal. • During the court proceedings on 5 March, the LPMA administrators withdrew their sale process, providing Wexted right of way to proceed with a sale. • Wexted are working with the site team to appropriately fund the mine, including payroll and wages which have been paid to date. • Wexted are also trying to sourcing independent funding, should there be any issues with the GFG funding arrangement. This was a topic of the court hearing on 5 March and Wexted were seeking a 3-week court adjournment to firm up independent funding. • The court case was adjourned Thursday afternoon for judgement to be made on Friday 6 March. • There are three possible outcomes, (1) the judge may liquidate Tahmoor, (2) may grant a 3-week adjournment for Wexted to secure independent funding, or (3) may grant an 8-week adjournment to permit time for Wexted to secure a buyer for Tahmoor Coal. • AB to provide the committee with an update following the court determination. ▪ CM asked if the coal mine is liquidated tomorrow, what will happen with jobs and the mine. Will is close? AB advised that CMI has a liquidator pre-appointed who has secured limited funding for critical safety and compliance tasks to keep the mine functional in care and maintenance until it is sold. This will see a large number of redundancies and be a distressing time for many families. ▪ MM asked if liquidation occurs, will funding only be provided to keep the underground safe and compliant or will there still be a focus on environmental monitoring? AB advised it is assumed environmental monitoring and reporting will continue to be deemed essential due to the strict environmental regulations in place with regulatory agencies.	NOTE **AB**	 **06/03/26**	05/03/26
8.	**Environment Update** (presented by Natalie Brumby and Amanda Bateman)			
8.1.	**Water – License Discharge Point 1** • No exceedances for the last quarter. All levels are under our Environment Protection Licence (EPL) threshold and are often meeting the ANZECC Guidelines.			

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	• Environment Protection Authority (EPA) limits following the commissioning of the Water Treatment Plant are yet to be set. • Environment Protection Authority (EPA) issued a Prevention Notice to Tahmoor Coal and its Directors requiring: ▪ Continued operation of the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) to treat underground mine water. ▪ Desilting of dams S2 and S3 – completed. ▪ Installation of a secondary online turbidity meter at LPD16 – delivered and to be installed next week. **8.2. Environmental Performance** • One (1) non-compliance reported for lack of surface water monitoring in the last quarter. • Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) issued a Warning Letter Breach for failing to undertake surface water monitoring in January due to payment constraints. • All dust monitoring within EPA assessment criteria limits. • Water Treatment Plant (WTP): ▪ Experienced some power outages in February due to a lightning strike at site and recent storm events. ▪ Replacement works required on the brine line due to scale build up, preventing maximum treatment of mine water. ▪ Commissioning ongoing and finalisation of the contract continuing with IXOM.	NOTE		05/03/26
9. Myrtle and Redbank Creek Remediation Plan Update (presented by Amanda Bateman)				
	9.1. Creek Remediation Works Overview: • Myrtle Creek and Redbank Creek remediation schedule completed in August 2022 and November 2024, respectively. • Both creeks are in monitoring phase post completion of the remediation works for 24 months - monitoring includes surface water level, groundwater levels and aquatic ecology. • Remediation Progress and Monitoring Report is submitted to the NSW Resources Regulator on a six-monthly basis. (Review of reporting requirement in January 2027) • KO raised the matter of a potential non-compliance against the Rehabilitation Management Plan (RMP) for no Spring aquatic ecology assessment due to funding constraints. AB confirmed the Autumn aquatic ecology assessment will be conducted.	NOTE		05/03/26
10. Community Update (Presented by Amanda Bateman)				
	10.1. Community – Tahmoor South Newsletter • Tahmoor South Newsletter for February issued to residents and available on Tahmoor Colliery website. **10.2. Community Complaints** • No complaints received last quarter. 17 months of no complaints.	NOTE		05/03/26
11. Subsidence claims update (Presented by Amanda Bateman)				
	11.1. Residential Claim Status • 7 Tahmoor South claims (6 on hold pending active subsidence) • 1 Tahmoor North LW 32 claim	NOTE		05/03/26

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Total number of open claims	8
Preliminary assessment	0
Claims on hold (active subsidence)	6
Under investigation	1
Determination issued	1
Review requested	0
Land & Environment Court Appeal (L&EC)	0

12. TCCCC Finance (Presented by Amanda Bateman)

12.1. The TCCCC bank balance is currently $33,696.66 statement end 30 December 2025. **12.2.** The committee noted the 2025 annual payment has not been made to date due to ongoing financial constraints with the business.	NOTE		05/03/26

13. Review Committee Terms of Reference (Presented by Amanda Bateman)

13.1. The committee reviewed proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference (ToR) including member updates, account signatory change and a revision of the annual committee payment amount. **13.2.** Under the Tahmoor North consent conditions, a set annual payment of $2,000 plus CPI per annum was required to be paid. Under the current Tahmoor South consent conditions, there is no set annual payment figure and it is at the discretion of the committee. **13.3.** Noting there is currently $33,696 in the committee bank account, the committee agreed to set the annual payment of $1,500 for 2026. This will be reviewed annually and amended as required. **13.4.** The Department of Planning CCC Guidelines require meeting minutes to taken by the Chairperson or for the Chairperson to pay an independent minute-taker, and recommend minutes are not taken by the Proponent. The committee meeting minutes are currently taken by AB (employee of Tahmoor Coal) but are reviewed by MM (Chairperson) for independent accuracy and agreement prior to distribution. This process has worked well for many years and it is proposed to continue this arrangement. The committee agreed and this is captured in the ToR. **13.5.** Following the retirement of Zina Ainsworth, the committee bank account signatories requires updating. The company put forward Amanda Bateman to replace Zina Ainsworth as the Tahmoor Colliery Representative company signatory. The committee voted to adopt this change, and this is reflected in the ToR. **13.6.** The ToR were adopted by the committee and a final version will be distributed with the minutes.	Adopted		05/03/26

14. General Business

14.1. The 2025 Committee Annual Report was reviewed and adopted by the committee. **14.2.** AB to arrange a tour of the washery when operations resume in the future. **14.3.** MM, CM and AB to meet at NAB on Thursday 4 June at 4.45pm to update the account signatories. Copy of meeting minutes required as proof of documented change. **14.4.** The committee agreed for MM to send a formal letter of thanks and farewell to Zina Ainsworth following her retirement. **14.5.** Letter received from Dept of Planning regarding CCC meetings distributed for noting.	Adopted **AB** **MM CM** **AB** **MM**	 **31/12/26** **04/06/26** **27/03/26**	05/03/26

Meeting Closed	*6.30 pm*	Next Meeting	*Thursday 4 June 2026*	Time	*5:30pm*	Location	*Tahmoor Coal Mine*